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SUBJECT: SEARCH FOR ARGENTINE NATIONAL MARTIN ROSSINI

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1. IN ADDITION TO REFTTEL, WE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM  
OSCAR ROSSINI OF MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADDRESSED TO AMB.  
HILL, WHICH REQUESTED OUR HELP IN LOCATING NEPHEW MARTIN.

2. EMOBOFF PLACED CALL TO VIRGINIA ROSSINI DE FENZO INC [REDACTED] B6  
AND SPOKE WITH HER AFTERNOON OF FEB 23. MRS. FENZO HAD NO RPT NO  
INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MARTIN, AND WAS  
RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS CASE ON TELEPHONE. SHE DID PROVIDE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION.

3. MARTIN IS ONLY TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS OLD, NOT FIVE. MRS.  
FENZO HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAUL OR ALICIA ROSSINE  
FOR SOMETIME BEFORE THEIR DEATHS, BUT "UNDERSTANDS" THAT  
MARTIN MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY FATHER RAUL INTO CARE OF UNIDENTIFIED  
FRIENDS AFTER DEATH OF ALICIA IN DECEMBER. CHILD APPARENTLY WAS IN  
BUENOS AIRES, NOT [REDACTED] AND FAMILY HAS NO IDEA WITH WHOM FATHER B6  
MAY HE LEFT CHILD. A GRANDMOTHER OF MARTIN, WHO LIVES IN [REDACTED] B6  
HAS APPROACHED BISHOP OF BUENOS AIRES,  
"HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE," AND POSSIBLY OTHER ENTITIES FOR HELP

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IN LOCATING CHILD, BUT BISHOP AND OTHERS HAVE POINTED OUT SHEER

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IMPOSSIBILITY OF PROCEEDING WITHOUT AT LEAST PHOTO, BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SOME LEADS. MRS. FENZO HAS NOT RPT NOT APPROACHED POLICE OF OTHER GOA AUTHORITIES; AS DEATH OF PARENTS HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, BUT SHE THINKS GRANDMOTHER MIGHT HAVE CONTACTED BUENOS AIRES POLICE. MRS. FENZO SAID THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT DEATH OF RAUL ROSSINE WAS REPORTED IN BUENOS AIRES PRESS JAN 29, BUT UNDER HIS ALIAS "PEDRO". WE NOTE THAT JAN 29 PRESS REPORTED KILLING OF ELEVEN EXTREMEISTS IN LA PLATA, ROSARIO AND BUENOS AIRES ON JAN 27 AND 28. A MILITARY COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THAT ONE "PEDRO," A "TOP INFORMATION CHIEF OF MONTONEROS", WAS SHOT JAN 28 WHILE RESISTING ARREST AT [REDACTED] A SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES. B6

4. COMMENT: MRS. FENZO IS FRIGHTENED AND DESCRIBED SEARCH FOR MARTIN AS "DIFFICULT" BECAUSE OF "CIRCUMSTANCES" OF PARENTS' DEATHS. OBVIOUS COURSE OF TAKING UP SEARCH FROM ADDRESS AT WHICH FATHER KILLED WOULD QUICKLY LEAD TO DRAWING ATTENTION FROM BOTH SECURITY FORCES AND MONTONEROS. IF MRS. FENZO'S UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT AND MARTIN WAS GIVEN INTO CARE OF FRIENDS BY HIS FATHER, LIKELIHOOD IS FRIENDS MAY ALSO BE MONTONEROS WHO WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES REVEAL CONNECTION. MRS. FENZO PINTED OUT THAT MARTIN PROBABLY DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HIS FAMILY NAME.

5. WE SUGGEST ONE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE CONTINUED EFFORTS BY FAMILY WITH CHURCH AUTHORITIES. IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE MARTIN MIGHT RESPOND TO CHURCH APPEALS IN PRESS, ETC., TO TURN HIM OVER, ANONYMOUSLY IF NECESSARY, TO CHURCH ON UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD BE RETURNED TO RELATIVES.

6. ON OTHER HAND, WE SEE NO OBJECTION, IF DEPT INTERESTED AMCITS CONCUR, TO APPEAL TO HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP OF FONMIN OUTLINING GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM AND ASKING FOR CHECK WITH POLICE TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING MARTIN OR ANY UNIDENTIFIED CHILD OF THAT AGE WHO MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED BY RELATIVES AS MARTIN.

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